

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 6, 15, 19, 21, and 23-32 are currently pending. Claims 20 and 22 were previously canceled, and claims 4, 5, 7-14, and 18 are canceled herein, all without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 21 are allowed.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 15 are amended herein to correct minor informalities, and new claims 23-32 are added. Support for those amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example, at lines 18-19 on page 10, lines 30-31 on page 11, lines 1-3 on page 12, lines 18-27 on page 13, and lines 6-7 and 19-21 on page 15. Accordingly, these amendments do not add new matter.

III. WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS

Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office has not maintained the new matter and enablement rejections of claims 1-4, 6, 15, 19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1. Accordingly, Applicant deems these rejections withdrawn.

IV. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting telephonic interviews with her representative, Amanda Murphy, on February 2 and 3, 2010, to discuss possible claim amendments to address the outstanding rejections. Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented herein accurately reflect the content of the interview.

V. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In Item 6 of the Office Action, the Office notes that "claim 4 appears to repeat what has been stated in base claim 3." Office Action at p. 2. In order to facilitate prosecution, Applicant has canceled claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant believes this aspect of the Office Action is moot.

VI. CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Office has rejected claims 1, 2, 15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as allegedly indefinite. Office Action at Item 8 on pp. 2-3. Specifically, the Office contends that claims 1 and 15 employ "circular logic" and "simply repeat[] the claim that was already presented." *Id.* at p. 3. In order to facilitate prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 15 as agreed during the Examiner Interviews on February 2 and 3, 2010. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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